

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A bag holding and storage apparatus for retaining a recyclable or  
2 disposable handle bag, said apparatus comprising:  
a receptacle shaped and configured to store a plurality of said bags, said  
4 receptacle having spaced first and second ends, spaced front and back sides and an open  
top portion;  
6 a cover over said open top portion, said cover having selectively open and closed  
positions;  
8 a first side arm member having a top surface, said member being rotatably  
connected at said first end of said receptacle and capable of extending forwardly from  
10 said front side when in a receiving position and extending downwardly when in a stored  
position;  
12 a second side arm member having a top surface, said member being rotatably  
connected at said second end of said receptacle and capable of extending forwardly from  
14 said front side when in a receiving position and extending downwardly when in a stored  
position; and  
16 bag handle engaging means on said top surface of each said side arm member,  
said bag handle engaging means being adapted to positively retain the handle of the bag  
18 in a manner holding the bag open for receipt of refuse.

2 The apparatus recited in claim 1, wherein said receptacle is formed with  
2 means for mounting to an external structure.

3. The apparatus recited in claim 1, wherein said receptacle is formed with  
2 an opening for removing individual said bags therefrom.

4. The apparatus recited in claim 1, wherein said bag handle engaging means  
2 comprise upwardly projecting hooks, each of said hooks formed with a slot therein for  
receiving the bag handle.

5. The apparatus recited in claim 4, wherein said slots further comprise semi-  
2 spherical bumps or ridges inside said slot to further aid in positively engaging said  
handle.

6. The apparatus recited in claim 5, wherein the top surface of each said side  
2 arm member contains at least two of said hooks.

7. The apparatus recited in claim 1, wherein said side arm members are  
2 rotatable through approximately 90 degrees.

8. The apparatus recited in claim 7, wherein said side arm members are  
2 rotatable between an approximately horizontal position and an approximately vertical  
position.

9. The apparatus recited in claim 1, further comprising securing means  
located on said first and second ends of said receptacle for securing said first side arm  
and said second side arm, respectively, in the receiving position.

10. The apparatus recited in claim 9, wherein the securing means further  
comprises a locking tab means.

11. The apparatus recited in claim 10, wherein the locking tab means  
comprises a tab and a bulbous body portion that, when in an engaged position, prevents  
rotation of the side arm, and when in an disengaged position, allows rotation of the side  
arm.

12. A bag holding and storage apparatus for retaining a recyclable or  
disposable handle bag, said apparatus comprising:

a receptacle shaped and configured to store a plurality of said bags, said  
receptacle having first, second ends and front and back sides and an open top portion,  
said receptacle being formed with means for mounting said back side to external  
structure;

a cover over said open top portion, said cover having selectively open and closed  
positions;

a first side arm member having a top surface, said member being rotatably  
connected at said first end of said receptacle and capable of extending forwardly from

said front side when in a receiving position and extending downwardly when in a stored  
12 position;

a second side arm member having a top surface, said member being rotatably  
14 connected at said second end of said receptacle and capable of extending forwardly from  
said front side when in a receiving position and extending downwardly when in a stored  
16 position;

locking means located on said first and second ends of said receptacle for locking  
18 said first side arm and said second side arm, respectively, in the receiving position; and

spaced handle engaging means located on said top surface of each said side arm  
20 member forming a central section therebetween, said engaging means being adapted to  
positively retain the handle of the bag when the handle is looped between said engaging  
22 means, the bag thereby being positively retained open for receipt of refuse.

13. The apparatus recited in claim 12, wherein said spaced handle engaging  
2 means further comprise upwardly projecting hooks.

14. The apparatus recited in claim 13, wherein each of said hooks formed with  
2 a slot therein for receiving the bag handle

15. The apparatus recited in claim 14, wherein said slots further comprise  
2 semi-spherical bumps or ridges inside said slots to further aid in positively engaging said  
handle.

16. The apparatus recited in claim 15, wherein the top surface of each said  
2 side arm member contains at least two of said hooks.

17. The apparatus recited in claim 12, wherein said side arm members are  
2 rotatable through approximately 90 degrees.

18. The apparatus recited in claim 17, wherein said side arm members are  
2 rotatable between an approximately horizontal position and an approximately vertical  
position.

19. The apparatus recited in claim 12, wherein the locking means further  
2 comprises a locking tab means.

20. The apparatus recited in claim 19, wherein the locking tab means  
2 comprises a tab and a bulbous body portion that, when in an engaged position, prevents  
rotation of the side arm, and when in an disengaged position, allows rotation of the side  
4 arm.

21. A bag holding and storage apparatus for retaining a recyclable or  
2 disposable handle bag, said apparatus comprising:

a receptacle shaped and configured to store a plurality of said bags, said  
4 receptacle having first, second ends and front and back sides and an open top portion,

said receptacle being formed with means for mounting said back side to external

6 structure;

a first side arm member having a top surface, said member being rotatably

8 connected at said first end of said receptacle and capable of extending forwardly from  
said front side when in a receiving position and extending downwardly when in a stored

10 position;

a second side arm member having a top surface, said member being rotatably

12 connected at said second end of said receptacle and capable of extending forwardly from  
said front side when in a receiving position and extending downwardly when in a stored

14 position;

locking means located on said first and second ends of said receptacle for locking

16 said first side arm and said second side arm, respectively, in the receiving position; and

upwardly projecting hooks located on said top surface of each said side arm

18 member forming a central section therebetween, said hooks being adapted to positively  
retain the handle of the bag when the handle is looped between said hooks, the bag

20 thereby being positively retained open for receipt of refuse.

22. The apparatus recited in claim 21, wherein each of said hooks formed with

2 a slot therein for receiving the bag handle

23. The apparatus recited in claim 22, wherein said slots further comprise

2 semi-spherical bumps or ridges inside said slots to further aid in positively engaging said  
handle.

24. The apparatus recited in claim 23, wherein the top surface of each said  
2 side arm member contains at least two of said hooks.